

OBEY BRIEFED ON POLARIS' UTILITY VEHICLE PRODUCTION FOR NATIONAL GUARD

OSCEOLA, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Osceola today to be briefed on Polaris' use of \$4.48 million in federal funding obtained by Obey and Senator Kohl to produce versatile all terrain, ultralight utility vehicles (ULUVs) for the National Guard.

“Polaris and its employees have built a strong reputation for the quality of their ATVs. When those charged with protecting our country need a vehicle that could match their mission they called on Polaris to supply them and Polaris turned to the people in its Polk County plants for that job,” said Obey. “Hopefully, this funding will not only ensure that Polaris ATVs will continue to allow our military to get their job done quickly and safely, but it will also preserve jobs that benefit Polk County.”

Polaris ATVs, including versions of the Sportsman 700 4x4 and Sportsman 500 6x6, are currently used by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. This funding would provide ULUVs to the National Guard. ULUVs offer the National Guard a cost-effective alternative to providing mobility.

Polaris Industries is a 50 year old public company that produces ATVs, side-by-side vehicles, snowmobiles and victory motorcycles. Established in 1991, the Osceola manufacturing operation includes three facilities totaling over 340,000 square feet and employs over 500 people. It manufactures engines, transmission and other component parts for Polaris ATVs.

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